

Transportation Advisory Committee

July 6, 2016 TAC, 7:15 pm to 9:10 pm, Town Hall 2nd floor conf. room

Present: Mike Gordon, John Hurd, Melissa Laube, Marjorie Moores, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Jeanette Rebecchi, Victor Rivas, Scott Smith, Laura Wiener

Non-members present: None

Missing members: Wayne Chouinard, Seth Federspiel, Jeff Maxtutis

Public Comments: none

Administration. Minutes of May 11 approved unanimously. Minutes of June 6 approved unanimously. Other handouts were reviewed. The Selectmen adopted TAC's recommendation for Highland/High Haith and passed them on to DPW. Howard noted that we have not yet received an official request from the School Department for Gibbs Traffic Study.

Town Issues and Activities: Laura would like to present the Complete Streets policy to the ARB, to discuss their role in implementing the policy within private developments and invited the members to attend the 7/25 ARB meeting. The PIGC is considering mounting bike racks on some of the single space meters in Arlington.

Corey reported that he has put down counters on Appleton Street. He is currently interviewing to replace a Parking Control Officer (PCO). He has assembled crash data for ped/bike accidents. Mary Street cut through traffic, northbound volumes were high but speeds were not. Corey also told the committee that the Lesley Ellis School is moving to the space now occupied by Dearborn Academy on Winter Street.

Crosswalk on Warren Street. Recommendation to add crosswalk across Warren on west side of Wyman, stop bars on Wyman, and add a sign "no parking here to corner" on Warren eastbound. Voted unanimously as amended. Wayne needs to clarify whether ramps are needed.

Town Day. Application is submitted. Voted unanimously to allocate \$70 from TAC account. Marjorie and Howard are working on it.

Parking on Mill Street. This is an old request, never reported back to Selectmen. Traffic backs up on Mill Street in the morning peak hour. Parked cars, when present, increase the back-up. Recommendation to prohibit parking from 7 to 9 AM. Voted unanimously.

Appleton Street. Traffic counts were conducted last week of school, June 22. Vote to approve \$240 to pay for counts. Voted unanimously.

Complete Streets. Laura reported that she and Wayne have been working on a Prioritization Plan, required by MassDOT prior to applying for funds. Gray Street pedestrian improvements around Ottoson Middle School are at the top of the list. This is an important location with lots of pedestrians, plus the project does not require a lot of design, and is therefore shovel-ready. Application deadline is July 15. Voted unanimously to approve the Prioritization Plan.

Safe Ped. access at bus stops. Melissa reported they are adding new boarding data on Route 77. Report will present a prioritized list of potential improvements.

Mass. Ave. Phase II. Laura reported on June 16 meeting. The area near Town Hall is not wide enough for bike lanes, parking and 2 travel lanes. There was much discussion, and could result in narrowing of sidewalks. Laura presented options for Broadway Plaza, including extending

Alton Street out to Mass. Ave. and incorporating the war memorial in an enlarged Broadway Plaza. There will be one more public meeting in September.

School Issues. Looking at school zone signs at Ottoson and Brackett. Corey noted that the School Zone signs at Parmenter School are not standard.

Paul Revere Road. WG is checking speed regulations and speed data and signs to see if they are consistent with each other.

Green Line Extension. Victor reported that the plans and budget are being reviewed by the Fed. Transit Authority. MBTA is currently undergoing a call for voluntary early retirement.

Meeting adjourned: 9:10

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for July: Agenda 7/6/16; Minutes of 5/11/16 and 6/8/16; Individual Action List 7/6/16; Project List 7/6/16.
- Traffic Counts, Park Ave. and Appleton Street, 6/21/2016, by PDI.
- Arlington Police Department 121 Appleton Street, June 26, 2016 (traffic counts)
- "Crash Search Results" (bike and pedestrian)
- Route 77—Arlington Stops, Fall 2014
- MassDOT Complete Streets Prioritization Plan, Town of Arlington, 7/6/2016
- Memo to Board of Selectmen, From Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), parking at 14-16 Mill Street, July, 2016.
- Broadway Plaza/Memorial Park: Today, Alternate A, Alternate B, Alternate C
- Memo to Board of Selectmen, From Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Subject: ACTION: Marked Crosswalk at Warren and Beacon/Wyman Streets, July 6, 2016.
- Memo to Board of Selectmen, From Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Subject: Crosswalk on Highland Avenue at High Haith Road, November 18, 2015.